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Mike Gleason, Chairman  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Hi Mike,

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I just wanted to be on record that I think Arizona-American Water Company's request to increase its rates for waste water service is an unmitigated ripoff of the residents of Sun City West, i.e., those belonging to the Recreation Centers of Sun City West (old residents)

You may have been present at the meeting of the PORA Water Committee several years ago when Bob Jones (you know his credentials) reported on his investigation of the capacity of the Sun City West Water Treatment Plant relative to the waste water output of the, then, existing Sun City West residents. His conclusion was that there was no excess capacity in the plant during the maximum use periods of the residents of Sun City West.

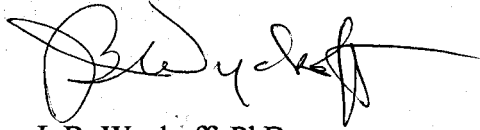
This study was done in anticipation that the Developers and Arizona-American Water Company would not build waste water treatment capacity for the, then, proposed Corte Bella development but, rather, dump it into the existing Sun City West treatment facility which was already operating at capacity part of the year. This treatment facility had been built by Del Webb and paid for by the existing residents of Sun City West.

This is, of course, was exactly what happened and now the Treatment Plant's capacity, exceeded by the addition of the waste water disposal from Corte Bella, needs to be expanded.

What escapes me is the logic of asking all of the residents of Sun City West to pay for the expansion of waste water treatment facilities when the "old residents" have already paid for the development of a treatment plant which has the capacity to treat the waste water produced by the "legitimate" residents of Sun City West.

The equitable solution is that the "new waste water producers", i.e., the Developers of Corte Bella and it's current and future residents, should be held accountably and required to pay for the increased capacity needed to handle their waste water treatment, not all of the residents of Sun City West. These "new residents", most of whom have just retired and at retirement rates reflecting much higher income levels than existed when we (the "old" Sun City West residents) retired 20 years ago, are in a much better position to absorb the proposed increased waste water costs than we "old" fixed income residents.

(Any ruling on DOCKET NO. WS-01303A-06-0491, not reflecting the inequity of the rate increase proposal on the "old residents" of Sun City West, would have to be considered in the same light as the Suns being penalized for a misdeed committed by a Spurs player!)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. B. Wyckoff', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. B. Wyckoff, PhD,  
Retired Professor,  
Natural Resource Economics

Cc Bob Jones